

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

VICKY RODRIGUEZ-TORRES, *et al.*,

**Plaintiffs,**

**v.**

**Civil No. 09-2199 (FAB)**

GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT BANK OF  
PUERTO RICO, *et al.*,

**Defendants.**

**ORDER FOR EXECUTION OF JUDGMENTS**

Before the Court is the Government Development Bank's ("the GDB") Motion for Execution of Orders and Request for Issuance of Writs of Execution, Docket No. 159. For the reasons stated below, the motion is granted.

On March 27, 2012, defendants filed a "Motion Requesting Attorney's Fees pursuant to Rule 54 (d) (2) of Civil Procedure and 28 U.S.C. §1927 and Memorandum of Law in Support Thereof," against plaintiffs and their former attorneys, Miguel A. Cuadros and William E. Meléndez. On March 27, 2012 the Court ordered plaintiffs to respond to the motion by April 13, 2012.

On April 13, 2012, plaintiffs appeared *pro se* and requested that the Court appoint an attorney for them. On that same date, plaintiffs' request was denied. Attorneys Meléndez and Cuadros did not make an appearance with respect to the request for fees or

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otherwise object or defend against defendants' request for fees. Therefore, on July 30, 2012, the Court entered an Order granting defendants' request for attorney's fees against counsel William E. Meléndez and Miguel A. Cuadros in the amount of \$40,926.36.

On August 27, 2012, attorneys Miguel A. Cuadros and William E. Meléndez filed a Motion for Reconsideration of the Court's order granting defendants' request for attorney's fees. On September 6, 2012, defendants filed an Opposition to the motion. On September 6, 2012, the Court entered an Order denying attorneys Miguel A. Cuadros and William Meléndez' Motion for Reconsideration.

On October 4, 2012, attorneys Miguel A. Cuadros and William Meléndez filed a Notice of Appeal of the Court's Order on Motion for Attorney's Fees. The appeal is currently pending before the U.S. Court of Appeals. Inasmuch as attorneys Miguel A. Cuadros and William Meléndez have not requested, and this Court has not so ordered, the stay of the execution of the July 30, 2012 order, the GDB requested the issuance of a writ of execution against counsel Cuadros and Meléndez, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 69(a), and Puerto Rico Rule of Civil Procedure 51.2, ordering the Clerk to enforce the order to pay defendants \$40,926.36, plus accrued interest.

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Also, on March 13, 2012, the U.S. Court of Appeals entered a Judgment affirming this Court's Final Judgment dismissing plaintiffs' claims with prejudice. In that Judgment, the U.S. Court of Appeals stated: "[s]anctions in the amount of \$2,000 are awarded in favor of defendants, to be paid personally by plaintiffs' counsel, William Meléndez-Menéndez, without recourse to reimbursement from his clients." (Docket No. 138.) Subsequently, the Clerk of the U.S. Court of Appeals taxed costs against plaintiffs in the amount of \$179.08.

On December 13, the GDB requested that the Court issue the corresponding writs of execution. Accordingly, and pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 69(a) and Puerto Rico Rule of Civil Procedure 51.2, the Court orders the Clerk to issue the Writs of Execution requested by the GDB. The first Writ of Execution shall be issued against attorneys Miguel A. Cuadros and William E. Meléndez pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 69(a) and Puerto Rico Rule of Civil Procedure 51.2, ordering the enforcement of the order to pay defendants \$40,926.36, plus accrued interest. The second Writ of Execution shall be issued against plaintiffs themselves ordering the enforcement of the Order to pay \$179.08 plus \$6,549.04 for costs on appeal, plus accrued interest. The third Writ of Execution shall be issued against counsel William E.

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Meléndez ordering the enforcement of the U.S. Court of Appeals Judgment that imposed sanctions on him in the amount of \$2,000.00, plus accrued interest.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

San Juan, Puerto Rico, December 21, 2012.

s/ Francisco A. Besosa  
FRANCISCO A. BESOSA  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE